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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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GROUP ART UNIT 2655



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Yoichiro Sako et al.  
Serial No.: 09/807,631  
Filed : April 16, 2001  
For : OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM AND METHOD AND  
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MEDIUM  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of May 21, 2004,  
Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified  
application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of  
claims that begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

The Remarks portion begins on page 6 of this Amendment.